

RECESS.

Mr. Henderson of McLennan moved that the House recess to 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Dodd moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

The motion of Mr. Henderson of McLennan prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 4:50 o'clock p. m., took recess to 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

(Continued.)

(Friday, February 23, 1923.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

SENATE BILL NO. 135 ON PASSAGE TO THIRD READING.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being Senate bill No. 135, making appropriation for deficiencies, on its passage to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Bonham, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. next Wednesday.

SENATE BILL NO. 42 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 42, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require hotel owners or keepers to post in each room a card or sign stating the price per day for such room; prohibiting any advances in prices within thirty days; compelling hotels to furnish guests with tickets showing prices of rooms; fixing penalty, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 115 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 115, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1591 of the 1911 Revised Statutes of Texas."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 117 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 117, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1623 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 118 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1620 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

SENATE BILL NO. 136 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 136, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2939 of Chapter 4, of Title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, as amended by Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, as amended by Chapter 6 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, as amended by the General Laws of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, Chapter 113, and approved by the Governor on the 12th day of March, A. D. 1921, regulating elections, providing certain qualifications for voters and providing for absentee voting in order that voters may vote who are absent from the State, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Rice moved that the House adjourn until 10:20 o'clock a. m. Friday, and the motion was lost.

SENATE BILL NO. 158 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 158, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 33 of the General Laws of the Third Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature of 1920, denominated 'An Act to create the Ninety-first Judicial District; fixing its jurisdiction and time of holding

court therein; providing for the appointment by the Governor of a judge for said Ninety-first District; providing that the district clerk and county attorney of Eastland county each shall be officers of said Ninety-first District Court and fixing their compensation for services rendered therein; providing for transfer of cases from and to the Ninety-first Judicial District Court and the Eighty-eighth Judicial District Court from one court to the other, requiring notice of such transfer of cases in certain instances to be given; providing that suits shall be alternately filed in said Ninety-first Judicial District Court of Eastland county, and the Eighty-eighth Judicial District Court of Eastland county; providing that no grand jury in said Ninety-first District Court of Eastland county shall be organized unless it is specially ordered by the judge of the Ninety-first District, providing that from and after the first day of January of the year 1925 said Ninety-first Judicial District Court shall cease to exist; declaring that an emergency exists requiring the immediate passage of this act."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, February 23, 1923.
Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 346, A bill to be entitled "An Act incorporating the Ennis Independent School District in Ellis county, Texas, for free school purposes only; defining its boundaries; providing for a treasurer for the funds of said district and providing for an assessor and collector of taxes of said district; divesting the city of Ennis of the control of its public school and the title to school property and vesting the same in the Ennis Independent School District and its board of trustees, and prescribing the rights, powers, privileges and duties of said Ennis Independent School District and its board of trustees and officers; authorizing the levying and collecting of taxes for said school purposes, and authorizing the right of eminent domain to condemn property for school purposes; authorizing the said independent school district to borrow

money without the issuance of bonds; authorizing the said board to be vested with all authority that is vested in board of trustees of independent school districts by the general laws of the State of Texas and authorizing them to employ an attorney for the protection of property, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 281, A bill to be entitled "An Act releasing the inhabitants of and the property in Hidalgo county for a period of twenty-five years from the payment of taxes levied for State purposes because of great public calamities in said county, as provided in Section 10 of Article 8 of the State Constitution, and providing that said county shall vote bonds of said county to prevent the recurrence of such calamities, and in case of the failure of said county to vote such bonds by or before October 1, 1924, said act shall become null and void, and said taxes collected in the usual manner and paid into the State Treasury, and providing an emergency."

And refused to pass finally Senate joint resolution No. 17 by the following vote: 17 yeas and 9 nays.

Respectfully,
RICHARD BLALOCK,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 301 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 301, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the State Insurance Commission to make, establish and promulgate classification of hazards and rates of premium under the Workmen's Compensation Law of this State and to prescribe standard workmen's compensation policy forms; requiring all companies and associations writing workmen's compensation insurance to use the classifications, rates and policy forms established, promulgated and prescribed by the commission; providing for the use of classifications, rates and forms now on file with and approved by the Commissioner of Insurance until classifications, rates and policy forms have been made and prescribed by the commission; requiring the commission to assemble data for use in establishing classifications and rates, and requiring the Commissioner of Insurance to deliver to the commission all data under his control now used in establishing classification, rates and policy forms;

authorizing and empowering the commissioner to require sworn statements from insurance companies and associations containing statistical data, and requiring the commission to describe necessary forms for such statements; fixing the manner in which the commission shall determine hazards and describing the kind and character of rates which shall be fixed and providing what data shall be taken into consideration by the commission in fixing rates; providing for hearings before the commission and the manner in which the same shall be conducted; requiring the use of uniform policies for workmen's compensation insurance but allowing any company or association to use any form or endorsement appropriate to its plan of operation providing the same shall diminish its liability to pay the compensation provided for in the Workmen's Compensation Law; providing that no company or association shall be prohibited from writing workmen's compensation insurance on the mutual, reciprocal or Lloyds plan, and that no stock company or other company or association shall be prohibited from sharing profits of policy holders, but providing that no dividends to policy holders shall take effect until approved by the commission; fixing the salaries of the members of the commission hereunder and providing for expenditures to meet expenses hereunder, and fixing a maximum amount of such salaries and expenditures, and providing for the annual assessment and collection of a tax or premium for workmen's insurance policies to defray the salaries and expenses of the commission hereunder, and providing that any unexpended balance shall be transferred to the general revenue of the State; empowering the commission to make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations; negating the application hereto of any provisions creating the State Insurance Commission; defining the words company and association; repealing Section 16a and 17 of Part 3 and part of Section 2 of Part 4 of Chapter 103 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, known as the Workmen's Compensation Law, and all other sections or parts of sections of said law and all other laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith or any provisions hereof; providing that if any part of this act be held unconstitutional

it shall not affect any other part of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Wallace offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 301 as amended by striking out the words in Section 15, first line, "Commissioners of Insurance and Banking" and insert in lieu thereof the following, "Commissioner of Insurance."

The amendment was adopted.

Senate bill No. 301 was then passed by the following vote:

Yeas—101.

Mr. Speaker.	Jones.
Abney.	Lackey.
Amsler.	Laird.
Arnold.	Lamb.
Avis.	Lane.
Baker of Orange.	LeSturgeon.
Baldwin.	Lewis.
Barker.	Loftin.
Barrett.	McBride.
Beasley.	McDaniel.
Bell.	McDonald.
Bobbitt.	McFarlane.
Bonham.	McKean.
Bryant.	McNatt.
Burmeister.	Martin.
Carson.	Melson.
Carter of Coke.	Merriman.
Chitwood.	Miller.
Coffee.	Montgomery.
Collins.	Moore.
Covey.	Morgan
Cowen.	of Liberty.
Culp.	Pate.
Davenport.	Patman.
DeBerry.	Perdue.
Dielmann.	Pinkston.
Dinkle.	Pool.
Dodd.	Pope.
Downs.	Potter.
Driggers.	Price.
Duffey.	Quaid.
Dunlap.	Quinn.
Dunn.	Robinson.
Durham.	Rogers.
Faubion.	Rountree.
Frnka.	Rowland.
Fugler.	Russell of Trinity.
Greer.	Sackett.
Hardin of Erath.	Sanford.
Harrington.	Satterwhite.
Henderson	Shearer.
of Marion.	Simpson.
Henderson	Sparkman.
of McLennan.	Stell.
Houston.	Stewart
Howeth.	of Edwards.
Jacks.	Stewart of Jasper.
Jennings.	Stewart of Reeves.
Johnson.	Stroder.

Sweet. Wessels.
Vaughan. Wilmans.
Wallace. Winfree.
Wells.

Nays—12.

Carpenter Mathes.
 of Matagorda. Merritt.
Davis. Rice.
Fields. Thompson.
Finlay. Westbrook.
LeMaster. Wilson.
Looney.

Present—Not Voting.

Blount. Harris.
Cable. Young.

Absent.

Atkinson. Irwin.
Bird. Kemble.
Brady. Maxwell.
Carpenter Purl.
 of Dallas. Shires.
Crawford. Smith.
Edwards. Stevens.
Gipson. Storey.
Green. Teer.
Hendricks. Thrasher.
Hughes. Williamson.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Milam. Patterson.
Carter of Hays. Russell.
Hardin of Callahan.
 of Kaufman. Stiernberg.
Hull. Strickland.
Lusk. Turner.
Morgan
 of Robertson.

Mr. Merriman moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 335 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 335, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating additional and adequate courts for Dallas county; defining their jurisdiction; adjusting the business of the existing district courts to the business thereof; prescribing the duties of the district court with respect thereto; repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mrs. Wilmans moved to postpone further consideration of the bill indefinitely.

Mr. Carpenter of Dallas moved to table the motion to postpone.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion to table prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—83.

Abney.	LeSturgeon.
Amsler.	Lewis.
Arnold.	Loftin.
Avis.	Looney.
Baker of Orange.	McDaniel.
Baldwin.	McDonald.
Barker.	McNatt.
Barrett.	Martin.
Beasley.	Maxwell.
Bell.	Melson.
Bobbitt.	Merriman.
Bonham.	Merritt.
Brady.	Miller.
Burmeister.	Morgan
Cable.	of Liberty.
Carpenter	Patman.
of Dallas.	Perdue.
Coffee.	Pinkston.
Collins.	Pool.
Covey.	Pope.
Cowen.	Potter.
Dielmann.	Price.
Dodd.	Purl.
Downs.	Quaid.
Driggers.	Rice.
Dunn.	Robinson.
Edwards.	Rogers.
Frnka.	Rountree.
Fugler.	Rowland.
Hardin of Erath.	Sackett.
Harrington.	Sanford.
Henderson	Shearer.
of Marion.	Simpson.
Henderson	Smith.
of McLennan.	Sparkman.
Houston.	Stewart of Jasper.
Hughes.	Stewart of Reeves.
Irwin.	Stroder.
Jacks.	Thrasher.
Jennings.	Wells.
Johnson.	Williamson.
Laird.	Winfree.
Lamb.	Young.
Lane.	

Nays—21.

Carpenter	LeMaster.
of Matagorda.	McBride.
Davis.	McKean.
Dinkle.	Mathes.
Duffey.	Moore.
Durham.	Quinn.
Faubion.	Russell of Trinity.
Fields.	Stell.
Finlay.	Thompson.
Greer.	Wilmans.
Harris.	Wilson.

Present—Not Voting.

Blount.	Lackey.
Bryant.	Pate.
Chitwood.	Stewart
Davenport.	of Edwards.
DeBerry.	Vaughan.
Dunlap.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Atkinson.	Kemble.
Bird.	McFarlane.
Carson.	Montgomery.
Carter of Coke.	Satterwhite.
Crawford.	Shires.
Culp.	Stevens.
Gipson.	Storey.
Green.	Sweet.
Hendricks.	Teer.
Howeth.	Wallace.
Jones.	Wessels.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Milam.	Patterson.
Carter of Hays.	Russell
Hardin	of Callahan.
of Kaufman.	Stiernberg.
Hull.	Strickland.
Lusk.	Turner.
Morgan	
of Robertson.	

Senate bill No. 335 was then finally passed by the following vote:

Yeas—87.

Abney.	Dunn.
Amsler.	Durham.
Arnold.	Edwards.
Avis.	Frnka.
Baker of Orange.	Fugler.
Baldwin.	Hardin of Erath.
Barrett.	Harrington.
Beasley.	Henderson
Bell.	of Marion.
Blount.	Henderson
Bobbitt.	of McLennan.
Bonham.	Houston.
Brady.	Hughes.
Burmeister.	Irwin.
Cable.	Jacks.
Carpenter	Jennings.
of Dallas.	Johnson.
Carpenter	Jones.
of Matagorda.	Kemble.
Chitwood.	Laird.
Coffee.	Lamb.
Collins.	Lane.
Covey.	Lewis.
Cowen.	Loftin.
Dielmann.	Looney.
Dinkle.	McDaniel.
Dodd.	McDonald.
Downs.	McNatt.
Driggers.	Maxwell.

Melson.	Rountree.
Merriman.	Rowland.
Miller.	Russell
Montgomery.	of Callahan.
Moore.	Sackett.
Morgan	Sanford.
of Liberty.	Satterwhite.
Morgan	Shearer.
of Robertson.	Simpson.
Patman.	Smith.
Perdue.	Sparkman.
Pinkston.	Stewart of Jasper.
Pope.	Stewart of Reeves.
Potter.	Stroder.
Price.	Wells.
Purl.	Williamson.
Quaid.	Winfree.
Robinson.	Young.
Rogers.	

Nays—18.

Barker.	Russell of Trinity.
Davis.	Stell.
Fields.	Stewart
Finlay.	of Edwards.
Harris.	Thrasher.
LeMaster.	Westbrook.
McKean.	Wessels.
Mathes.	Wilmons.
Merritt.	Wilson.
Quinn.	

Present—Not Voting.

Bryant.	Greer.
Davenport.	Lackey.
DeBerry.	LeStourgeon.
Duffey.	Pate.
Dunlap.	Vaughan.
Faubion.	

Absent.

Atkinson.	McBride.
Bird.	McFarlane.
Carson.	Martin.
Carter of Coke.	Pool.
Crawford.	Rice.
Culp.	Shires.
Gipson.	Stevens.
Green.	Storey.
Hardin	Sweet.
of Kaufman.	Teer.
Hendricks.	Thompson.
Howeth.	Wallace.

Absent—Excused.

Baker of Milam.	Patterson.
Carter of Hays.	Stiernberg.
Hull.	Strickland.
Lusk.	Turner.

Mr. Jacks moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, Senate bill No. 314 was ordered not printed.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Burmeister, the House, at 10:28 o'clock a. m., adjourned until 10:40 o'clock a. m., Friday, February 23.

APPENDIX.**REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.**

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 361, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 16, of Chapter 190, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Section 2, of Chapter 71, of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature as amended by Section — Chapter 113, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, as amended by Chapter 131, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, as amended by Chapter 52, of the General Laws of the First Called Session of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, providing for and increasing the annual license fees on motor vehicles; providing for applications for registration; providing for annual license fees for trailers and semi-trailers and tractors; providing penalties for failure to comply with the provisions of this act; providing certain described vehicles shall not be licensed or operated on public roads; providing for exceptions and special permits; amending Section 3 of Chapter 73 of the General Laws of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 113, of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, relating to disposition of fees collected hereunder; providing for maintenance by the State and declaring increased fees primarily a trust fund for such maintenance; providing that in event any

section or provision of this act shall be held unconstitutional the same shall not affect any other section or provision, and repealing all laws in conflict with this act,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
PRICE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 563, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of an act entitled 'An Act creating the Pflugerville Independent School District in Travis and Williamson counties, Texas; consolidating into said independent school district the territory included in the present Pflugerville Independent School District, Common School District No. 56, Common School District No. 12, Williamson and Travis County Line School District No. 14, and Common School District No. 15; defining its boundaries; vesting it with the rights, powers, duties and privileges of districts incorporated for school purposes only under the general law; providing for a board of trustees therefor; making provision for taxation for school purposes in said district, and declaring an emergency,' being House bill No. 606, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, and amended by House bill No. 51, passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, changing and correcting the boundary lines of said school district and validating and confirming the election of school trustees for said district, and declaring an emergency, providing for the election of trustees in said school district and validating and confirming the election of school trustees for said school district."

And find the same correctly engrossed.
PRICE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 540, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the salaries of the judge of the county court of Dallas County

at Law No. 1, and of the judge of the county court of Dallas County at Law No. 2, and prescribe the method of payment,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
PRICE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 585, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 6, of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, so as to change the time and terms of holding the district court in the Seventy-eighth Judicial District of Texas, composed of Wichita county; to validate all process heretofore issued, bonds and recognizances heretofore taken in the courts of said district, and all judgments therein rendered or to be rendered; repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
PRICE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 22, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 570, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing and enlarging the boundaries of the Elmo Independent School District in Kaufman county, and providing for an election to adjust the territory thus added, to taxes which may be now levied upon the property of said Elmo Independent School District and for an assumption by said Elmo Independent School District of the pro rata of taxes to which the territory thus added to said Elmo Independent School District by this act may be subject by reason of any outstanding bond issue or bond issues previously voted by any school district or school districts of which such added territory may have heretofore formed part; defining the powers of said Elmo Independent School District, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
PRICE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 22, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 608, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Carta Valley Independent School District in Edwards and Val Verde counties, Texas; providing a board of trustees therefor, vesting said trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred upon independent school districts incorporated under the general laws of Texas; providing that the board of trustees of the existing school in said district shall continue to act as such until their successors are elected in accordance with the general laws of Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
PRICE, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, February 23, 1923.

Hon. R. E. Seagler, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 254, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing in counties having a population in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants the compensation of district attorneys and providing for the appointment of assistant district attorneys, investigators, stenographers, deputies and other employes, and providing for their salaries and the manner of their payment, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith, with exceptions, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.
DINKLE, Chairman.

THIRTY-THIRD DAY.

(Friday, February 23, 1923.)

The House met at 10:40 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Seagler.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Abney.	Avis.
Amsler.	Baker of Orange.
Arnold.	Baldwin.
Atkinson.	Barker.